



LEHI CITY RECREATION

JR. JAZZ BASKETBALL Boys & Girls 2nd - 4th Grade Rules 2013



Game:

1. Each team will play with 5 players on the court at a time. No forfeits. Please instruct your team to arrive on-time so that you may capitalize on your practice time. For everyone's safety, please do not go across the court while the game is in progress.
2. The game will consist of four 8-minute quarters. The clock will not stop during the quarters. Half time will be 3 minutes. The first 15-20 minutes of the scheduled hour will be used for practice. No additional practice time is available outside of the first 15-20 minutes of the scheduled game time. The game will begin at approximately 20 minutes past the hour. The game will begin with a jump ball at midcourt. All subsequent quarters of the game will be decided by alternating possession.
3. **Officiating:** All 2nd -4th grade games will have an instructor that will officiate the games. One coach from each team is allowed on the court at a time. Their responsibility is to keep the flow of the game moving while instructing the players regarding basketball situations (fouls, etc.). The more the instructor calls, the better the kids will learn and improve.
4. The 2nd -4th grade leagues are officiated with a do-over policy. As an official makes a call, they will have the player try again using the correct principles. This teaching method will emphasize correcting mistakes instead of emphasizing the mistake itself.
5. **Free throws:** No free throws will be shot. All fouls (including shooting fouls) will result in the ball being taken out of bounds. 3 seconds in the key is not enforced in these leagues.
6. A turnover caused by a double-team will result in the ball being returned to the team that lost the ball.
7. The 2nd -4th grade league is recreational and instructional. Scores and standings will not be kept for the 2nd -4th graders. No post-season tournament. Officials are there to instruct as well as officiate.
8. Two sets of wrist bands will be provided to each team and are used to help players know which person they need to guard. Please assist in matching players up fairly according to size and skill. Players will guard the opponent with the matching-colored wristband.
9. 8-foot baskets and 27" size basketballs are used for **2nd graders**.
10. 9-foot baskets and 28.5" size basketballs are used for **3rd -4th graders**.
11. No stealing the ball while the offensive player has possession (this includes holding onto the ball or dribbling). A pass or shot may be intercepted by the defensive team. A jump ball may be called if two players went for a loose ball and tied the ball up. A jump ball shouldn't be called if the offensive player was holding the ball and the defensive player tied the ball up. This is stealing.
12. **Defenses:** Man-to-man defense only. No zones or double teams. Once the offensive team has gained control of the ball or will in-bound the ball, the defense must fall back to their half of the court to pick up the player they are guarding. No full-court press.

The buildings we use, and the custodians who work there, will be treated with the utmost respect. Any problems reported to Lehi City may result in a player or coach being asked not to participate anymore and the player will not be given a refund. Please do your best to keep the gyms clean.

Players and coaches will not be allowed to switch any player to a different team.

Coaches must play all of their players a minimum of half (50%) of the game!!